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THE DOCTORS DISAGREEING ALREADY

Our esteemed contemporaries, the Portland Press and Lewiston Journal, started out side by side in the gubernatorial discussion, and we have watched with great interest their expounding of the law and the people. But it is a little confusing to "plain people" to find our esteemed contemporaries taking irreconcilably opposite ground upon a fundamental feature of the controversy as follows:

[From the Portland Press.] The reason of the Press's regard to the latter point is based upon the assertion that the amendment did not become a part of the Constitution until the election of the Governor on the 9th of November, and so cannot apply to an election held prior to that time.

[From the Lewiston Journal.] The Bath Times inquires if it is appropriate or constitutional to amend the law after the election of the Governor, and the Bath Times inquires if it is appropriate or constitutional to amend the law after the election of the Governor.

LOOK HERE, UPON THIS MATTER, AND ON THIS

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THE CONSTITUTION VS. POLICE

To the Editor of the Star and Courier:

Last September the people of the State of Maine went to the polls and deposited their ballots in the boxes for the purpose of electing an Executive under the Constitution. Two leading candidates were before the people, one, Daniel F. Davis, a Republican, the other, Harris M. Plaisted, a Democrat. Let us briefly review the facts.

1st. The warrants under the authority of which the voters of Maine assembled to cast their ballots on the day of election, cast their ballots in accordance with a provision of the Constitution of the State, and that Constitution at the time of the post-mortem of the several voting precincts required a majority of all votes cast to elect.

2d. The people in obedience to the Constitution assembled at the various polling places, and did vote for one or the other of the gubernatorial candidates.

3d. At the time of the issuing of the warrants, at the time of voting, and before the votes were counted, the Constitution remained unchanged, and provided that the Governor should be elected by a majority of all votes cast.

4th. The Legislature of one year ago, in which the Republicans were in a majority, presented a resolution to the people for their action, which was adopted by the Legislature of the State that a majority of all votes cast should elect a Governor. But in that resolution was a clause that provided for its application, if adopted, to the results of the election of State officers voted for at the same time as the amendment.

5th. The result of the ballot on the amendment can be Constitutionally applied to the results of an election of State officers voted for at the same time, then Harris M. Plaisted can be the legal Governor of this State. If the amendment cannot be applied, then the names of Harris M. Plaisted and Daniel F. Davis, receiving the electoral college vote, will stand as the legal Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

6th. It is simply and purely a Constitutional question, as to the legal application of the amendment to the election of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

7th. I submit, that at the time of the ballot being taken the Constitution remained unchanged, and that the very authority by which the people voted did not recognize the election of a Governor by a plurality of votes.

8th. I submit, that until the election of a Governor under the warrant issued pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and the result made known and declared, the Constitution remained unchanged, and that its each and every provision, force and effect.

9th. I submit, that at the time of the ballot on the amendment the people had not made a choice of State officers under the provisions of the Constitution pursuant to whose mandate the warrants for the election had been issued, and that the amendment had not been made in a legal and Constitutional manner, the amendment voted for at the same time of the ballot for State officers could not be made of legal force and effect.

10th. Many of your esteemed and well meaning contemporaries have allowed themselves to give great weight and attach great importance to the policy of the Republican party in this matter. They say that as Republicans proposed this amendment and presented it to the people, and they, the people, voted for it in good faith and it has been adopted, it is the policy of the Republican party to carry out the amendment, and that it is the duty of the Republican party to carry out the amendment.

11th. The policy of the Republican party is the will of the people, and that sixty-one years ago found expression in the adoption of a constitution by which all the machinery of government was to be directed and controlled. Let this policy never be changed.

12th. Let the grand old fabric that for three centuries of a century has guarded our liberties, the Constitution, ever be the guide and platform of the Republicans of Maine.

13th. Harris M. Plaisted can be the Constitutional Governor of Maine, seat him in the Executive chair, but if in order to seat M. Plaisted the Constitution must be overthrown, never, so long as you claim the glory of Republicanism, never let it be done.

14th. The new Hampshire Congressional YACHTING. Already have several Democratic quibbles over the question of the succession to the seat in Congress of the late Major Farr. For the most part, these are too absurd to be seriously entertained. By his death two vacancies were created, viz., (1) the unexpired term of the 46th Congress, which ends March 4, 1931, and (2) the full term for the 47th Congress. This is the view taken by eminent legal minds, and it is likewise the common-sense view. It is also believed by those conversant with our laws and with political precedents, that these vacancies can legally be filled at an election and by the same person.

THE BOND COUNTERFEITERS

Why Brocway Was Released

RECOVERY OF IMPORTANT COUNTERFEIT PLATES AND MATERIAL. Chief Brooks of the Secret Service tonight makes the following statement as to the reason for the suspension of sentence of Brocway, the counterfeit, and for his release on his own recognizance.

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GEORGIA'S ELECTIONS

[Special to N. Y. Times.]

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